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In a Presidential statement issued on 8 June 1993, the Security Council strongly condemned the armed attacks against Pakistani and Malaysian contingents of UNTAC which had taken place on 7 June, took note of the Secretariat's preliminary reports on these incidents and requested me to investigate further and to report urgently to the Council.

I wish to inform the Council that, following investigation by its Strategic Investigation Teams, UNTAC has now reported as follows.

On 7 June 1993, at 0415 hours, approximately 170 armed soldiers attacked a platoon of the Pakistani contingent at Phum Tbeng, located in the west of Preah Vihear Province.

The attackers screened their movement behind a herd of cattle and moved up to within 20 to 25 metres of the Pakistani camp. They executed the attack in waves using small arms, mortars and rocket launchers.

The Pakistan battalion troops first warned the attackers not to advance and then responded by employing small arms. The attackers retreated after about two hours, leaving two corpses behind. However, in the exchange of fire, a Pakistani soldier was wounded in the leg. He was later evacuated to UNTAC Field Hospital in Phnom Penh, where amputation of the wounded leg was carried out. Another officer also sustained minor injuries and he was provided first aid on location.

UNTAC's investigation has concluded that the attack had been a deliberate action against UNTAC carried out by elements of the National Army of Democratic Kampuchea (NADK). The two corpses were identified by local villagers as well-known NADK members. Villagers also told UNTAC that, the night before the attack, a group of six NADK soldiers had come to the village to obtain information about the location of UNTAC personnel.

The Pakistani platoon has since been withdrawn from the location.

Also on 7 June, at approximately 2230 hours, a Malaysian battalion platoon, located at Phum Tapoung in Battambang Province, came under fire with small arms and B-40 rockets from all directions, including the west where houses occupied by soldiers of the Cambodian People's Armed Forces (CPAF) are located some

150-250 metres away. A short time earlier a house occupied by Bangladesh Civilian Police Monitors nearby had also been attacked. The Malaysian platoon responded with small arms fire. The attack lasted about 45 minutes. Three Malaysian soldiers were wounded, one seriously. All three were subsequently evacuated.

Although there is no conclusive evidence on the identity of the attackers, UNTAC investigation has strongly indicated, based on the shell casings retrieved and the behaviour of the local CPAF and villagers, that local elements of CPAF had most probably been responsible.

The Malaysian platoon, which had been temporarily deployed to the location during the electoral period, has since been withdrawn from the area.

(Signed) Boutros BOUTROS-GHALI